(b) The benefit of ACP scheme to the Allopathic, Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic Pharmacists in the CGHS organisation is being granted as per the existing promotional hierarchy in CGHS in accordance with the ACP scheme formulated by the Department of Personnel and Training.

The promotional post for the cadre of Ayurvedic/Homoeopathic Pharmacists in the CGHS is Store Officer (Ayurveda/Homeopathy) which is in the pay scale of Rs. 5500-9000/- and therefore, the CGHS Ayurvedic/ Homoeopathic Pharmacists are granted first financial upgradation in the pay scale of Rs. 5500-9000/- under the ACP scheme.

As compared to the above, the promotional post for Allopathic Pharmacists in the CGHS is Senior Pharmacist which is in the pay scale of Rs. 5000-8000/- and therefore, the CGHS Allopathic Pharmacists are granted first financial upgradation in the pay scale of Rs. 5000-8000/-.

(c) Since the benefit of ACP to Pharmacists in CGHS has been granted as per the existing promotional hierarchy and in accordance with the Department of Personnel and Training's orders on the subject, there is no proposal at present to bring at par the ACPs being given to the Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic and Allopathic Pharmacists under CGHS.

Private doctors for population control programme

1664. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRIAMTI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to include private doctors in population control programme;

(b)if so, the details thereof;

(c) the compensation package to doctors in this regard;

(d) whether any districts have been identified to launch this scheme in the country;

(e) if so, the details of districts in various States; and

(f) the districts have been identified in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the Government is exploring the option of improving access to comprehensive Health and Family Welfare Services, especially in demographically weaker States, through increased Public Private Partnership for health and Population Stabilization. It is proposed to involve accredited private/NGO health facilities in social marketing and social franchise of services and products for Health and Family Welfare programmes.

(c) The compensation package of Rs. 400/- sterilization has been extended to accredited private/NGO health facilities in Empowered Action Group States.

(d) and (e) This package covers all 210 districts in the 8 Empowered Action Group States of Bihar, Jharkhand, U.P., Uttaranchal, M.P., Chhattisgarh, Orissa and Rajasthan.

(f) Nil.

Vacant posts in CGHS dispensaries

1665. SHRI VEER SINGH:
SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH:

Will theMinister of HEALTHI AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of posts of pharmacists are lying vacant in CGHS dispensaries (Allopathic, Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic) Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, dispensary-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that class IV employees are distributing the medicines to the patients with the consent of Incharge/Additional Director(Zones) in R.K. Puram, Shahdara, M.B. Road in Delhi;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) by when Government propose to fill the vacanices to post the pharmacists in the above dispensaries?